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VTP/ELB/SLC/Year 4/Multiplication Tables Check

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Dear Parents and Carers

In June all Year 4 children will undertake a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) which is a statutory requirement. The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently - an essential skill for future success in mathematics. It will also help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables so that additional support can be provided.

Schools must administer the MTC to all eligible Year 4 pupils between Monday 5th June and Friday 16th June 2023. The check is on-screen and is 25 questions in total, for which there are 6 seconds to answer each. The check lasts no longer than 5 minutes. Although there is no pass mark for the check, it gives us a picture of your child's current level of understanding and their score will be shared with you.

We know that learning the times tables takes time and practice, and your child has already been preparing for the MTC across their learning in maths. They may say that the most 'fun' way to practice is by using Times Tables RockStars which is why we are providing opportunities for our pupils to practise their tables and prepare for the check by using TTRockstars. Children carry out a soundcheck and then play!

We approach the activities in a calm and relaxed way and the children's scores inform us as to how we can focus our teaching to best support your child's learning.

Further information about the MTC can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1116420/2023_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_Nov_22_PDFA.pdf

If you have further questions or would like to learn more about how to support your child, please contact their teacher.

Yours sincerely

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